

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application of  
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App. No.: 10/709217  
Filed: April 22, 2004  
Conf. No.: 3216  
Title: CONTROL METHOD FOR  
MOVING RACKS  
Examiner: J. Lanx  
Art Unit: 3635  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATUS LETTER**

Dear Sir:

The Official Gazette, dated August 15, 2006, shows the oldest case awaiting action in this Art Unit is dated April September 8, 2004 which is nearly 5 months later than the filing date of this case. Please advise when we may expect an Action on the merits in this case. In response to a Status Letter, dated April 23, 2006, I was advised that it might be 18 months before an action is forthcoming which is totally at odds with the OG notice mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted:



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